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Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo :—" Sir, the income is much less than 12 lakhs in 1918 and may I know whether the Government have enquired into the causes of this increase and whether any representations have been made by the ryots in regard to this matter? A number of representations have been received by members of the House."

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" I am not aware of any representation, but, if the hon. Member will give notice, I shall enquire?"

Irrigation

Need for protective works with regard to the sliding of Godavari bank near Kapileswarapuram agraharam.

* 106 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Godavari bank and the river margin near the village of Kapileswarapuram Agraharam between 16th and 17th miles lower down Dowlaishwaram has been sliding and the village is in imminent danger;

(b) whether, with a view to prevent erosion and sliding at the spot, provision has been made for constructing a revetment and digging a channel in the sand shoals of the river;

(c) whether it is a fact that on 2nd May there was a sudden sinking and sliding of the bank and the margin and whether the Superintending Engineer visited the spot and recommended the protective works to be undertaken immediately;

(d) whether it is a fact that such protective works have got to be begun and completed before the flood season begins in the middle of June;

(e) whether the action of the river, if not properly checked, is a source of danger not only to the village, but to a large portion of the delta area; and

(f) whether in view of the imminent nature of the danger the Government would issue instructions to take up protective works immediately?

A.—(a) The left flood bank of the Gowtami Godavari between 16/0 and 16/7 miles was diverted two years ago as there was not sufficient margin between the deep course of the river and the bank. There is a tendency for the margin to slip in this length and there are three places where the sliding action is most marked. One of the slips has been protected and the other two will be, this year. The village is situated in three different sites and only a small part of it lies between the old and diverted flood banks and is liable to be affected by erosion.

(b) There are two current estimates to protect the bank in this portion, one for protecting the slips, at a cost of Rs. 40,400 and the other for connecting the high level 'paya' with the river, at a cost of Rs. 5,900. Revetment is provided for in the former.

(c) & (d) The Government are not aware on what particular day the sinking and sliding occurred, but the Superintending Engineer visited the spot on the 15th May 1929 and issued instructions for the necessary works to be carried out.

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(e) The delta area is protected by the diverted flood bank, but the small portion of the village referred to in answer to clause (a) is liable to be affected should there be much further encroachment by the river.

(f) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clauses (a), (b), (c) and (d) above.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" With reference to clause (b), may I ask when the estimates was passed? From the answer I take it that it has been passed."

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I must ask for notice."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May I know if the work was taken up in accordance with the estimates?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" It is seen from the answer to clauses (c) and (d) that the Superintending Engineer issued instructions for the necessary works to be carried out."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" My question is whether the instructions given by the Superintending Engineer were acted up to and if so when?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I must ask for notice of the question."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that this kind of work cannot be taken on hand when once the flood season begins and therefore it has got to be taken up before the flood season?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I think the officer is aware of it."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May I know if the Government have issued instructions to expeditiously finish the work before the flood season began?" 11-15 a.m.

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I must ask for notice."

Mr. K. V. R SWAMI :—" May I know whether any steps will be taken to protect the village referred to in the question from the ravages of floods?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I shall consider that question."

Mr. P. ANAJANEYULU :—" As regards answer to clause (e) 'but the village referred to in answer to clause (a) is liable to be affected', have the Government proposed or have they taken any precautions against such a danger?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" With reference to the answer given in clauses (c) and (d), may I know what those instructions are specifically?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" Notice, Sir."

Land Revenue

List of reserved trees in kumki areas in South Kanara.

*107 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what the trees are that a kumkidar may not cut in kumki areas (South Kanara) without the permission of Government;